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MALNUTRITION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of children in the age group of 5, 10 and 15 years who are affected by malnutrition in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the diseases children may get affected due to malnutrition; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): As per India Nutrition Profile, 1998, covering 187 districts of 18 States/Union Territories, the percentageof children affected by malnutrition in different age groups covering 5, 10 and 15 years is given at Annexure-I. Malnutritionoccurs due to combination of several factors such as poverty leading to low purchasing power, inadequate food, poor socio-economic status of women; female illiteracy, low access of population to health services, education, safe drinking water, environmental sanitation etc.

(d): The severe form of under-nutrition may lead to marasamus, kwashiorkor in small children, anaemia, multiple Vitamin Deficiency Disorders, Iodine DeficiencyDisorders etc. and it can increase morbidity in disease situations such as respiratory diseases, diarrhoea etc.

(e): The Government has taken the following steps to improve the health and nutritional status of people in the country:-

- Increased Agricultural Production.

- Improving the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes.

- Availability of essential food items at subsidized cost through Public Distribution System.

- Nutrition education to increase the awareness and bringing about the desired changes in the feeding practices including promotion of breast feeding.

- Supplementary feeding programmes such as:

(i) Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS).

(ii) Special Nutrition Programme(SNP)

(iii) Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP).

(iv) Wheat Based Supplementary Nutrition Programe.

(v) Pradhan Mantri Grameen Yojna (PMGY).

(vi) Mid-day Meal Programme.

- Programme for Prevention of Specific Nutrient Deficiency Disorders such as:

(i) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme.

(ii) Programme to prevent Blindness due to Vitamin `A` deficiency and nutritional anaemia due to Iron deficiency as a part of Reproductive and Child Health Programme.

(iii) Pilot Project for control of Micro-nutrient Malnutrition.

ANNEXURE I

Status of Children with Different forms of Under Nutrition in States/UTs

S.No.	States/UT`s	Age-Group (yrs)	Mild Under-Nutrition (%)	Mild Under-Nutrition (%)	Severe Under-Nutrition (%)
1	Haryana	3-5	44.7	29.2	3.7
		6-9	41.5	38.1	6.6
		14-17	40.5	40.8	11.8
2	Himachal Pradesh	3-5	52.8	34.2	2.7
		6-9	33.2	52.0	9.9
		14-17	32.5	47.3	16.8
3	Punjab	3-5	46.1	29.6	3.1
		6-9	42.8	36.0	4.5
		14-17	36.1	41.5	10.0
4	Rajasthan	3-5	38.4	39.2	9.5
		10	29.9	40.0	15.7
		15	36.7	36.0	13.5
5	Chandigarh	3-5	56.0	26.0	4.0
6	Delhi	3-5	48.6	25.1	7.9
7	Bihar	3-5	28.7	32.2	22.6
		10	25.4	37.3	21.0
		15	36.3	34.6	18.6
8	Sikkim	3-5	43.6	33.5	6.08
		5-12	36.2	34.9	6.9
		13.18	30.9	25.0	8.5
9	Arunachal Pradesh	3-5	37.8	58.2	2.3
		5-12	24.7	57.6	9.0
		12-18	13.2	45.3	15.0
10	Assam	3-5	46.5	21.7	3.0
		6-9	58.1	23.0	3.1
		14-17	40.3	48.7	7.1
11	Manipur	3-5	40.7	27.1	3.4
		5-12	41.9	19.4	3.1
		12-18	39.8	14.2	1.6
12	Meghalaya	3-5	45.9	9.8	0.6
		5-12	39.3	7.9	1.2
		12-18	43.8	21.8	1.3
13	Mizoram	3-5	45.9	17.4	1.9
		5-12	40.0	27.13	3.2
		13.18	30.0	26.7	7.1
14	Nagaland	3-5	28.0	19.3	3.3
		5-12	37.4	12.3	0.9
		13.18	30.0	26.7	7.1
15	Tripura	3-5	40.1	37.5	7.1
		5-12	37.6	28.2	4.4
		12-18	37.9	28.9	5.2
16	Dadra Nagar & Haveli	3-5	46.9	31.0	8.3
		5-12	35.9	36.2	13.7
		12-18	34.3	31.9	14.4
17	Daman & Diu	3-5	51.0	26.6	7.3
		5-12	35.9	36.2	13.7
		12-18	34.3	31.9	14.4
18	Goa	3-5	39.5	20.9	6.5
		5-12	33.8	29.6	8.5
		12-18	31.5	23.5	6.1